

Money For Charity Is Aim of Firemen's Annual Social Night

Proceeds From Card Party and
Dance Will Benefit Needy Families
—Big Crowd Expected Friday
Night

Always a generous contributor to local Sunshine, the Bassano Fire Brigade is making another splendid effort to raise money for needy families this winter.

The annual whist drive and dance to be held in the Masonic Community Hall Friday night this week is to raise money for this charitable purpose, and the firemen are looking forward to a generous response from the people of town and district.

The annual dance is a social event of great prominence, and is always one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. The firemen are cheerful and sociable hosts, and they put on an evening of pleasant entertainment.

Whist will start at 8:30 o'clock, and prizes will be awarded the winners and losers. The firemen will also give a prize for the lucky ticket to be drawn after midnight.

Lunch will be served upstairs by the ladies immediately after cards, and dancing will begin as soon as card tables and chairs are cleared off the dance floor. The Harris orchestra has been engaged for the dance, and Harry Beeber is floor manager. The dance program will include modern steps and old-time dances—a night of jolly terpsichore for everybody.

SCHOOL RATEPAYERS IN HUSSAR SUGGEST ECONOMY MEASURES

HUSSAR, Jan. 22—The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Hussar school district was held on Saturday afternoon with about 20 present. E. J. Bell was appointed chairman and F. R. Reeves secretary. The ratepayers expressed confidence in the board, and suggested economy measures of curtailing expenses. They also suggested that pupils be furnished with scribbles, pencils and ink.

Mrs. T. L. Montgomery was the retiring trustee. Frank Campbell was elected by acclamation. Mr. Campbell has a farm near the village, and is the first farmer willing to accept a position on the board.

The inspector's report showed that the teachers have been doing good work. The principal's report for the primary and senior rooms was read and discussed. The high school report was given careful consideration. The auditor's report showed that the district is in fair financial shape.

INDIANS WIN 3-2 OVER BASSANO

The Blackfoot Miners of Cluny won a 3-2 decision over the Bassano intermediate hockey team last Friday at Cluny. The Indians avenged their 7-3 defeat of a week previous.

Cador scored on a pass from Arrison in the first period, and Arrison netted Bassano's second goal.

The Indians outlasted the Bassano players who have not had sufficient training this winter to put them in first class physical condition.

Bassano: E. Marquardt, Cador, Arrison, Wight, Fiske, MacLean, A. Ford, T. Stiles, Warren.

RINGING OF FIRE BELL CAUSES SCARE WHILE BLIZZARD HOWLS

Clang! Clang! Clang! rang the firebell at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. A terrific blizzard was whooping down from the north, and everyone who heard the ominous ringing of the firebell was fearful of the danger of fire on that wild morning.

But it was only the chimney ablaze at the home of Mrs. Belot. The high wind sucked the flames from the stove up the chimney and set the soot on fire. The blaze was out in a few minutes and no damage was done. The house, located just south of the Crown Lumber Co. office, is owned by the town.

2 Vacancies In School Board; 3 In Council

Bassano electors will be required to choose three councillors and two school trustees to fill the vacancies in these civic bodies.

E. L. Skerritt, Dr. A. G. Scott and H. A. Holmes are the retiring councillors, having completed their two year term of office. The other members of the council are Mayor H. O. Bredin, A. McKee, W. S. Playfair and E. P. Currie.

Roy Smith and L. Y. Birnie are the retiring school trustees at the end of their two year term of office. The other members of the school board are W. L. Flanagan, Jas. Johnston and J. H. Stiles.

The annual ratepayers' meeting is Friday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. Nomination day is Monday, Feb. 5, and if an election is necessary it will be held Monday, Feb. 12.

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Jan. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Iris spent a few days in Calgary last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tautfest entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. Norton to dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams made a trip to Brooks Monday.

A large number of Rosemary people enjoyed the dance at Countess last Friday night.

Mrs. J. Norton, Mrs. R. Norton, Mrs. R. Gallup motored to Bassano Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daye McClelland and family visited the A. Gallup family Sunday.

Mr. McHale entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Brundrit to a turkey dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyr and Mr. and Mrs. Stahall were dinner guests at the P. Gellings home Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Park and Roy Eastman were re-elected to the board of trustees at the recent annual school meeting.

Sandy McClelland, who has been in B. C. for the past few months, is visiting his parents here.

The ladies of Rosemary have organized a club called the Rosemary Social Club. Mrs. Ankrum was chosen president, and Miss Cora Narum secretary. The new club will appreciate the co-operation of everybody to help make it a success.

Fourteen attended the meeting; lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Simmons.

Hockey Club Raise Thirty Dollars By Telephone Bridge

Intermediate Hockey Club Benefit
by Well Patronized Social Event—
Auction and Contract Played

The neat sum of \$30 was realized by the Bassano Intermediate Hockey Club as a result of the evening of telephone bridge given in nine local homes last Friday.

One hundred and twenty-eight people played at 32 tables. In some homes auction was played, while others played contract. The prize winners at auction were: gentleman's first, H. A. Holmes, playing at the home of Mrs. R. S. Wight; lady's first, Miss Mamie Emil, playing at the home of Mrs. H. D. Bacon. Robt. Donaldson, playing at the home of Mrs. Moorhead, carried off the gentleman's first prize for contract, while lady's first went to Miss E. McArthur, who was a guest at the home of Mrs. A. G. Scott.

Cards were played in the homes of Mrs. J. H. Stiles, Mrs. H. D. Bacon; Mrs. N. Bassarab, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. Jas. Johnston, Mrs. S. Leonard, Mrs. A. G. Scott, Mrs. R. S. Wight, and Mrs. Moorhead.

Members of the hockey club are highly pleased with the social and financial success of the evening. They wish to thank everyone who contributed to that success, and also thank Mrs. H. T. Johnson, who kindly donated the two ladies' prizes.

HUSSAR NEWS

Girl Guide Meeting

HUSSAR, Jan. 22—The chief matter of business at the Girl Guide meeting Thursday evening was the paper drill on the Morse code. It was in the form of an examination, and results showed nearly all the guides and rangers well up on this part of the work. There were nine who were enrolled as badgers and received their tenderfoot pins—Lois Nelson, Peggy Reeves, Dorothy Nelson, Isabelle Haigh, Helen Janz, Nettie LeGrandeur, Margaret LeGrandeur, Lucille Snellings and Margaret Bell. Several matters were brought up for consideration; they will be decided at the next meeting at Mrs. T. Burdett's. After the close of the meeting Guide Ruth Brown and Mrs. Brown, hostesses, passed a delicious treat. Guider Mrs. E. J. Bell was present.

Hockey Team Wins

On Saturday afternoon the juvenile hockey team defeated the Standard juveniles here 4-0. The young fellows put on a good game, showing fair team work. Goals were scored by Roland Brassard, Emerson Brown, Loren Moffat and Francis Holland. The Hussar team: goal Carl Snellings; defence, Gordon Reeves, Earl Snellings; forwards, Roland Brassard, F. Holland, L. Moffat, E. Brown, K. Christensen, M. Brassard; subs, J. Christensen and Jimmy Dundas. Referee, Graham Montgomery.

Local Items

On Friday evening C. Kirby, the high school teacher, entertained his pupils and the young people of the village at the Ladies' Aid kitchen. Forty-three young people were present. The evening was spent enjoyably with games till after supper, then with dancing. The prizes for the games were won by Johnnie and Loren Moffat.

On Sunday Rev. A. R. Aldridge of Ogden, preached in Hussar twice. At noon communion service was held, and in the evening a talk on the missionary work among the Indians in northern Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hulen and daughters Beryl and Shirley, who have been in the States since Nov. 22, returned home on Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. H. D. Brown on Thursday, Feb. 8.

C. T. Armstrong and Frank Campbell were U.F.A. delegates to Edmonton for the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown and daughter Ruth, and H. E. Rollason motored to Calgary on Friday. Mr. Brown attended the annual meeting of the Provincial Council of Boy Scouts Association on Saturday.

The Bassano juveniles will play hockey here against Hussar juveniles on Saturday afternoon.

A play will be staged by the Hussar Dramatic Club on Feb. 2 under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Athletic Association. "The Gloves" is a jolly comedy. A dance will follow.

Jason Bell, Margaret Bell and Nancy Elliott were Calgary visitors on Saturday.

Bob Gray, who spent some weeks visiting relatives in Saskatchewan, returned on Monday.

ANNUAL MEETING TOWN RATEPAYERS

The annual meeting of the Bassano ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening, Jan. 26. The financial statement for the year will be reviewed, and chairmen of the various committees will submit their annual reports.

The date of the annual meeting is the same as that selected for the firemen's whist drive and dance. The meeting date is fixed by provincial statute and cannot be altered.

FIERCE BLIZZARD HITS BASSANO

Screaming down from the north at a velocity estimated to be more than 40 miles an hour, the worst blizzard of the winter struck Bassano at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The storm arrived without a sign of warning. A gentle snowfall with hardly a breath of wind was turned into a howling blizzard in a few minutes' time.

The storm kept many children away from school. Only half the classes attended the primary and junior rooms.

The driving snow was mixed with dust whipped up from the bare fields of fallow, and housewives who were caught with the week's washing still on the line had to re-wash the clothes.

Caught in the storm near Duchess, the westbound bus went into the ditch when the driver was unable to see the road in the swirling snow. Nobody was hurt.

McLaws Going Strong In Calgary Bonspiel

The Bassano rink skipped by Wm. McLaws is making a great showing in the Calgary bonspiel and was one of the two undefeated rinks in the 'spiel up to the end of play Wednesday. McLaws lost 7-11 to Stewart of Nordegg in the visitors' event, but this is not considered in the grand aggregate.

The Bassano rink is in the final of the A. P. Grain Co. event and will battle W. J. Morrison of the Glencoe club for first prize. McLaws is also assured of a prize in the Gas Co. event, beating H. Palmer of the Calgary Club to enter the fours. The Bassano rink won eight games and lost only one in the first three days of the bonspiel.

The rink: Wm. McLaws skip, Irvin Young third, Art Simpson second, and Bob MacGregor lead.

Hussar Ladies Open The Curling Season

HUSSAR, Jan. 22—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club was held Wednesday of last week at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. E. J. Bell. Mrs. T. Anthony was elected president, Mrs. R. Schooling vice president, and Miss Margaret LeGrandeur sec. treas.

Three rinks were selected as follows: skip Mrs. Hawkshaw, 3rd Mrs. H. D. Brown, 2nd Mrs. Rasmussen, lead, Mrs. Slobodin; skip Mrs. Schooling, Miss Hole, Miss Margaret LeGrandeur and Miss T. Tierney; skip Mrs. E. Holland, Mrs. T. Anthony, Miss R. Brown and Mrs. Baroski, Miss J. Dundas and Mrs. A. Brown will act as substitutes. On Jan. 23 Mrs. Hawkshaw's rink will play Mrs. Anthony's.

CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, Jan. 23—A number from this vicinity attended the dance in Countess last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rodbourne and Sidney are spending a couple of weeks in Calgary. They motored up for the old timers' re-union. Sid expects to return in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jamieson of Carleton Place were business callers at the Hefflebower home last Saturday.

Mrs. Milton, nee Miss J. Ferguson, and Miss Ruth Kuchle spent the week-end at the Walters home.

Howard Larson returned home last Saturday after attending the U.F.A. convention in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Robertson spent the week-end visiting at the Wilson home in Gleichen.

Crowfoot has a new orchestra. The members practise every week, and hope to make a public appearance before long.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker Donald and Gordon spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Culbertson.

H. H. Beeber Heads Board of Trade For The Year 1934

Year's Work Reviewed at Annual Meeting — Board Accomplished Much In Spite of Hard Year

H. H. Beeber was elected president of the Bassano Board of Trade at the annual meeting Wednesday noon in the Imperial Hotel dining room. Following is the list of officers for 1934. All were elected by acclamation.

Hon. pres., H. O. Bredin
Pres., H. H. Beeber
Vice pres., S. H. Edwards
Sec. treas., A. J. Bartlett
Public affairs committee: H. A. Holmes, Wm. McLaws and W. J. Redmond.

Fair grounds trustees: H. T. Johnson, F. Mead, W. S. Playfair, M. R. Milroy, Chas. McKinnon. The other committees will be appointed by the executive.

The financial statement of the board showed a profit of \$129.21.

Did Splendid Work

In reviewing the year's operations of the board, the retiring president, W. K. Webb, touched on the highlights of the board's many endeavors. A watering system was installed at the cemetery at a cost of \$280 odd dollars; a considerable sum of money was spent on the road running north to the Duck Lake district to the benefit of many farmers; the swimming pool was maintained and improved, and \$280 raised to be used in further pool improvement; a nursery was established and hundreds of seedling trees planted to be eventually set out where needed. The board also held a successful sports day July 1, succeeded in persuading the provincial Department of Public Works to improve the dangerous Crowfoot Hill, and sponsored a "Made-in-Alberta" campaign. Other activities of the board were briefly mentioned by Mr. Webb. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Webb, who has been president for the past two years, was given a hearty vote of thanks. A vote of thanks was also tendered S. H. Edwards for his faithful work as secretary treasurer. Chairmen of the various committees submitted their annual reports, all of which showed a year of activity in 1933.

RED DEVILS SHUT OUT GEM 5-0

Gem Team Has Failed to Score
Against Red Devils in Two Games

Bassano Red Devils defeated the Gem hockey team 5-0 last Sunday afternoon at Gem to score their second shut-out victory over the northern team. In the two games these teams have played this season Gem has failed to net a single goal.

Red Devils got the jump on their opponents one minute after the game opened when Cawsey scored on a pass from Ford. Play was featured by end-to-end rushes, with plenty of thrills and some anxious moments for Maurer, the Bassano goalie, who turned back some hot drives.

The Bassano boys proved to be a better finished and scoring team than Gem who missed many good chances at the net.

The scoring: 1st period: Cawsey from Ford; Cawsey from Ford. 2nd period: Bassarab; Cawsey from Bassarab. 3rd period: Bassarab.

The ice was somewhat sticky and rough, making skating difficult.

Gem: J. Sparks, P. Chamberlain, F. Marquess, T. Callison, C. Douglas, B. Williamson, P. Schreiber, C. Schreiber, R. Robson, M. Marquess.

Bassano: D. Maurer, E. Angell, W. Marquardt, R. Bassarab, L. Cawsey, D. Ford, F. Thompson, G. Smith, G. Stiles, L. Sambrooke.

Al Cador refereed the game.

The juveniles go to Hussar Saturday, Jan. 27.

JUVENILES TO PLAY MEDICINE HAT TEAM

The management of the Red Devils, juvenile hockey team, have made arrangements for six games to be played between now and Feb. 24. Two of these games are with a Medicine Hat club.

The games are scheduled as follows: Red Devils at Hussar Sat. Jan. 27; Gleichen Aces at Bassano Friday Feb. 2; Red Devils at Medicine Hat Sat. Feb. 3; Medicine Hat at Bassano Sat. Feb. 10; Red Devils at Strathmore Friday Feb. 16; Strathmore at Bassano Sat. Feb. 24.

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January 18 - 24

GRADE 12

Donaldson, Robt	3	47
Gayford, Roy	4	4
McDonald, James	2	19
Scott, George	5	29
Stiles, Gwen	4	44
Ubertino, Dante	7	39
Plumer, Phyllis	1	1
Wilson, Pauline	6	45

GRADE 11

Angell, Ellis	16	6
Barlow, Hazel	6	13
Bassarab, Russell	13	5
Beeber, Margaret	5	31
Cador, Pauline	31	46
Cador, Phyllis	46	48
Ford, Austin	48	8
Holmes, Harry	8	7
Johnston, Archie	7	21
Maurer, Donald	21	2
Playfair, Florence	2	3
Plumer, Ben	3	18
Pragnell, Dorothy	18	41
Stiles, Ted	41	24
Thompson, Fred	24	14
Wight, Christina	14	28
Ungarian, Jessie	28	

GRADE 10

Cawsey, Lorne	4	37
Easterbrooke, Yvonne	5	15
Harper, Margaret	1	17
Harper, Bob	7	26
Pearson, Dora	2	42
Plumer, Betty	2	9
Sambrooke, Lowell	23	36
Smith, Gordon	11	34
Snape, William	9	35
Stiles, George	10	22
Thompson, Vernon	3	11
Travis, Helen	1	20
Wight, Norman	6	43
Roberge, Dorene	8	38
Roberge, Irene	7	

Grade 9

Bacon, John	7	30
Beeber, Dorothy	3	25
Edwards, Jack	4	49
Ford, Douglas	6	33
Johnston, Betty	2	12
Johnston, Jean	5	32
MacBeth, Constance	1	10
Morrison, Daniel	9	50
Mott, Patricia	8	27
Smith, Jack	8	40

Residents of the district south of Brooks are puzzled by a mysterious light which appears, bobs about among the coulees of the Bow river, and disappears as mysteriously as it came. No satisfactory explanation is offered for the phenomenon, but we suspect it may be the editor of the Brooks Bulletin hunting out delinquent subscribers.

Malcolm Campbell, great auto race king, is to hunt gold in Africa.

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The amalgamation of school districts in the Berry Creek Area has cut the cost of school operation from \$16 a quarter to \$4.80 a quarter. This is an indication of the savings possible thru amalgamation, and may have some influence with the provincial government in their consideration of an enlarged municipal area for the district of which Bassano is a central point, and which was briefly outlined in The Mail some months ago.

W. R. Howson, Alberta Liberal leader, made a clear statement of his stand on the Debt Adjustment Act when he addressed a meeting in Edmonton last week. The Liberal leader said his party, if returned to power in Alberta, had no intention of immediately repealing the act and "throwing the debtors to the wolves" a move which political opponents of the Liberal party claimed would happen if Alberta had anything but a Farmer government. Mr. Howson believes the act does not go far enough, but that it should apply to all debtors in the province who are making an honest effort to meet their obligations. Quite true. There should be no class feeling resulting from the Debt Adjustment Act and its operation. All classes in the province, farmers, merchants, professional men, and even mechanics, have serious debt problems in need of a sane and workable solution.

TAX COLLECTION
SERIOUS PROBLEM

The financial statement of the town of Bassano shows uncollected school taxes amounting to \$15,089.10, and municipal taxes \$18,248.06. The figures are somewhat startling.

While tax collections in 1933 were fair when the stringencies of the times are considered, yet they fell some \$6,300 short of what collections should have been.

During the past few years an ever-increasing number of rate-payers have been unable to pay their taxes. Last year was the poorest from a tax collection standpoint, and more than \$6,300 was added to the rapidly mounting figure of uncollected taxes.

The only cheerful angle of the situation is that concerning the new tax consolidation scheme. A large number of rural school ratepayers have signed up under the tax consolidation plan, and have agreed to pay current taxes each year together with an annual payment on their arrears. A less encouraging situation exists in regard to town taxes. Many in arrears have failed to sign up under the tax consolidation plan because they found it financially impossible to do so.

It is small consolation to learn that other towns have serious financial problems. We have our own problem and it must be solved. Tax collections are shrinking. The town is drifting into a situation from which extrication will be difficult if allowed to continue.

The council is alive to the seriousness of the situation. It is their job to find a remedy—if one is to be found—and use it.



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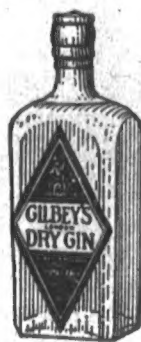
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SIXTH INSTALMENT

Simon Judd, amateur detective and William Dart, an undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth. Next morning the household is shocked to find that John Drane has been murdered. The dead man is first seen by Josie the maid, and then by Amy Drane and Simon Judd. The latter faints. Police officers call and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John Drane, makes the astounding revelation to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is not a man but a woman. Detective Dick Brennan arrives on the scene and commences his investigation into the mystery. Now go on with the story.

"The door wasn't locked, huh?" Brennan asked.
"No. This maid Josie came up to call the old lady and when nobody answered she opened the door and fainting. Door couldn't have been locked. It don't look like the old lady was expected to be killed, Dick, does it?"

"Nothing stolen out of here that you've heard of?"
"Not that I know of," the officer said. "We didn't ask. We waited for you."

"All right," Brennan said, going to the door. "I'm thru here, I guess. You better telephone the coroner, Henry, and Joe—look look around for a knife or something. You might keep your hands off anything smooth in case of fingerprints. Reach in under the mattress and around and anywhere you think a knife might be. Sometimes these killers shove things in under when they get a panic. I'm going down. What did you say the girl's name was who saw in here first?"

"Josie. But she ain't downstairs. She's in that room across the hall. She's got a weak heart and they took her in there to bring her to. There's an old dame with her—the housekeeper."

"I'll see them," Brennan said. His interview with Josie in Amy's room yielded him, however, nothing we do not already know.

"And you?" Brennan demanded of the maid Zella.

"I don't know anything," Zella said. "I was down in the kitchen, along with George—he's the chauffeur—and Maggie Maney the cook, and we heard Josie screaming and heard her fall. So we came up as quick as we could. She was fainting on the floor, and Mr. Judd, too—"

"Mr. Judd? Fainted?" Brennan asked. "Who's Judd?"

"He's a visitor, a friend of Mr. Drane's, I guess. He come last night and stayed over. He saw the blood and fainted."

"He reached the room before you did?"

"Yes, but after Josie, didn't he, Josie? Josie was first, then Miss Amy came—"

"And who is Miss Amy?"

"The grand niece like of Mr. Drane—of her we thought was Mr. Drane," Zella explained. "Him and her was the family—the rest of us was just the help."

"Then Josie was the first to open the door, and Miss Amy was the first to follow her, and then this Mr. Judd came. Who else after that?"

"Norbert—he's the colored houseman. Mrs. Vincent—she's the housekeeper. Maggie Maney, the cook. George the chauffeur. And I came. We just stood at the door; nobody

went in."

"And about when was this?"
"Around nine o'clock; maybe five or ten minutes after," Mrs. Vincent sent Josie up because breakfast was ready and Mr. Drane hadn't come down yet."

"Everyone else had?"
"No; not Mr. Judd and not Mr. Dart—Josie said."

"Dart? What Dart?"
"The undertaker man," Zella explained. "He's an old friend of Mr. Drane's and sometimes he comes to play cards and stays the night. He always has the blue guest room. But last night he didn't stay."

"Not that I knew it," Josie interrupted, raising herself on her elbow. "I knocked on his door when I came up the first time. That was about half past eight. I thought—"

she hesitated. "I thought he answered that time."

"I see," Brennan said. "You knocked to wake him up and you thought he answered. What did he say?"

"I thought he said 'All right! Yes!' or something like that. So then I went to Mr. Judd's room and knocked and he said 'All right; I'm up.'"

"But that first trip, Mr. Drane did not answer?"

"No, sir, but I didn't think anything of it. Mr. Drane don't often have to be called; he always woke up of himself. I thought he was in the bathroom, likely, and would be down. I just knocked on his door and went on, sort of reminding him. The others I waited for an answer because they were guests, and guests ain't sure."

"And the second time you came up you got no farther than Mr. Drane's door? You fainted there?"

"Yes, sir; that's it."

"Show me these two guest rooms," Brennan said to Zella, and she went with him, first to the yellow room Judd had occupied, and then to the blue room with its untouched bed.

Brennan looked around the rooms without much care, but on his way to the stairs he called the officer named Joe and told him to look into the rooms carefully. Zella went back to Josie and Brennan went down to the lower floor.

As Brennan reached the lower hall the screen of the front door was pulled open and a young man, his face betraying his excitement, came in.

"Oh," he exclaimed. "I know who you are: you're the detective. I saw you—it was when our house was robbed and I was before the grand jury to tell what was stolen."

"Yes. You're Robert Carter," Brennan said simply. "Seven three four Beech Avenue. You made a good witness. Your man went to the pen. You are a friend here?"

"Yes, Amy," young Carter said, reddening more. "We're—we would have been engaged. I just heard of this awful business, and I came as soon as I could. Is she—"

"Eating breakfast, I shouldn't wonder," Brennan said. "Go right in, if it's the usual thing and you want to. I've been put on this case, and I'm looking it over a bit."

"Is there anything I can do—"

Carter suggested.

"No; never mind that now," Brennan said. "I'll take it up with you if I need to. I want to talk to Miss Drane next and you can help me just by steadying her down if she's excited at all. Tell her I'm out here on the porch and will see her whenever she's ready. No hurry. Let her take her own time. Tell her it's nothing to be afraid of."

"That's fine of you," Carter said, putting out his hand impulsively.

"Brennan is the name," the detective said, shaking Carter's hand. "Trot along now."

Bob Carter found Amy and Simon Judd finishing their breakfast and about to rise. Mrs. Vincent, at her end of the table, had eaten nothing, merely sipping tea, and her face showed she was still in great pain. Impulsively Amy rose as Carter entered and he was holding her in his arms before he was aware he had intended to do any such thing.

"Oh, Bob, Bob! Isn't it dreadful!" Amy cried as he tried to comfort her; "If I didn't have you I wouldn't know what to do!"

"Yes—well, you've got me all right, honey," he said. "Don't you take it so hard. It's bad enough, but you want to buck up. No good in letting it get you too hard. We'll stick it out together."

"It's so good to have you here," she said, wiping her eyes again. "I don't mean to break down. I'm trying to—not."

(continued next week)

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JAMS, pure Strawberry, Raspberry, Black Currant, Red Currant, Peach, Apricot, Loganberry per tin 55c
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Mrs. E. F. Maurer was re-elected president of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church at their recent annual meeting. Mrs. A. A. MacGregor and Miss Agnes McCarter were re-elected vice president and secretary respectively, and Mrs. J. Hood was elected treasurer. Mrs. M. R. Milroy and Mrs. W. F. MacBeth are the hospital visiting committee.

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COFFEE, Brand's 1 lb. tin 39c

TEA, Broken Orange Pekoe, per lb. 50c

WHEAT TOASTIES, like grape-nuts, fine breakfast food, 2 lb bag 30c

TOBACCO, special, 1/2 lb tin Ottoman fincut 50c

CHOCOLATE BAR with bicycle coupon in each 5c

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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BANANAS, 2 lbs. for 25c

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LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. A. P. Thompson was a visitor to Calgary on Tuesday.

John Hesketh motored home to Arrowwood last Saturday. H. F. McDonald had charge of the meat market for the afternoon and evening.

Misses Marie and Ruth Gronberg, and Mr. A. Gronberg of Calgary, are guests at the E. F. Maurer home.

Born, at the Bassano Hospital, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cully, of Milo, on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Born, at the Bassano Hospital, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hanson, of Duchess, on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Geo. McNeill of Calgary, Frigidair expert, is a patient in the Bassano Hospital. He was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday.

John Sleight, the Brooks barrister, was in the Bassano hospital for a few days this week. Dr. Scott operated on Mr. Sleight's right elbow which was injured when he fell on the curling ice about three weeks ago.

Earl Payne, of Scandia, is a patient in the hospital here, undergoing an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday.

CURLING NOTES

Standing of the rinks in the schedule games up to and including Wed. night, Jan. 24, is as follows:

	won	lost
A. Simpson	6	1
Dr. A. G. Scott	5	2
Wm. McLaws	5	4
W. L. Flanagan	4	3
E. P. Currie	4	3
Dr. W. F. Keith	4	3
H. A. Holmes	3	3
L. Whitehorn	3	4
Bert Stitt	2	3
Geo. E. Stiles	2	4
H. H. Beeber	2	5
H. F. McDonald	1	5

COUNTESS NEWS

COUNTESS, Jan. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Heldt attended the U.F.A. special meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones recently. It seemed to be Mr. Heldt's lucky day, as he won first prize in cards and also the cushion which was raffled.

At the annual meeting of the C. C. Club last week Ralph Burrows was re-elected chairman, Mrs. Sluss was re-elected secretary treasurer, and Howard Ferguson was also re-elected. The club hopes to have the new kitchen finished for the next dance, Friday, Feb. 9. Don't forget the date. Harris orchestra, good eats, and a good time. There will be more dancing space.

Miss Marion McRoberts was a guest at the Gamble home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Newman were callers at the Sluss home Sunday.

Harry Cowan, Ralph Burrows and E. R. Heldt were Calgary visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gamble and Norman Gamble, and Mrs. Sluss were in Calgary for the day Thurs.

The gingham dance Friday evening at the C. C. Club was a great success. Many ladies appeared in gingham attire, and many men in overalls. Miss Gladys Fortney of Gem won the prize, a delicious shortbread donated by Mrs. Snape.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Benjamin went to Calgary on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McIntosh and little daughter Peggy were dinner guests at the Sluss home Sunday.

A Matlock is now much improved in health after a slight attack of pneumonia.

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Rev. John Hart, Minister
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30; sermon subject for Jan. 28, "A Pertinent Question."
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Marmalade, Shirriff's Good Morning brand; grapefruit, orange, lemon; per jar 29c

Pickles, Victory brand, sweet mixed 27 oz. jar 33c

Shortening, Burns' Bakeasy 2 lb. tin 33c

Canned Fish, Chicken Haddie, Brunswick brand 2 tins 31c

Vegetable Special, 1 tin Tomatoes, 1 tin Cut Beans, 1 tin Peas, all choice quality 3 tins 45c

Catsup, Clark's fine tomato, 12 oz. bottles 2 for 35c

Spices, Assorted flavors 3 tins 23c

Jelly Powders, Arabrand, assorted 5 pkts. 25c

Toilet Tissue, 6 rolls 23c

Spaghetti, Heinz, cooked with cheese 2 tins 33c

Tea, A. G. broken pecoe per lb. 43c; 3 lbs. \$1.25

Coffee, Malkin's best, vacuum pack per lb. 47c

Toilet Soap, Calay 3 bars 23c

Laundry Soap, 5 bars P & G, 1 pkge. Oxydol, 1 pkt. Ammonia Powder all for 47c

Fruits and Vegetables

HEAD LETTUCE, Imperial Valley, large, firm heads 15c

CELERY, California, well bleached per lb. 15c

GRAPE FRUIT, Texas Sweets, medium size 3 for 29c

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